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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: Herminio F. Gonzalez, P.E., Director
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DATE: May 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Permit Applications from Habitat for Humanity International, Inc.,
or its Local Affiliates

The following information is presented in order to clarify the licensure requirements regarding permit applications from Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. or its local affiliates. This organization is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Pursuant to Florida Statute 489, this organization is exempt from contractor licensure requirements. The subject reference is shown below:

489.103 Exemptions.--This part does not apply to:

18) Any one-family, two-family, or three-family residence constructed by Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., or its local affiliates. Habitat for Humanity International, Inc., or its local affiliates, must:

(a) Obtain all necessary building permits.

(b) Obtain all required building code inspections.

(c) Provide for supervision of all work by an individual with construction experience.

At the time of permit application Habitat for Humanity is typically the "owner". As a consequence, permitting procedures similar to those applicable to owner/builders seem to be the most appropriate.

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Any corporate officer of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. or its local affiliates may sign for any permit application. Building Officials' should refer any questions regarding verification of qualified permit application signatories within Miami-Dade County to Ms. Anne Manning Executive Director of the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. Ms. Manning may be reached at, **Phone:** (305) 670-2224, **Fax:** (305) 670-2273 or **E-mail:** hab4hum@bellsouth.net.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Mr. Michael Goolsby of my staff at (305) 375-4496.

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